

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A server reservation method ~~whereby enabling a user using a user terminal apparatus makes to make a reservation request to a reservation control apparatus to reserve a desired service supply time period for the use of using a processing server that performs predetermined processing, the to-a reservation control apparatus that controls the controlling a reservation state of said processing server via a network in order for so as to permit said user terminal apparatus to use functions of said processing server by accessing said processing server via [[a]] the network, said server reservation method comprising steps of:~~

~~a reservation requesting step of sending reservation request information including [[a]] the desired service supply time period to use for using said processing server[[,] from said user terminal apparatus to said reservation control apparatus via the network, said reservation control apparatus determining if the reservation request for using said processing server during said desired service supply time period will be accepted; and~~

~~a time transmitting step of transmitting[[,]] a current time reference value from said reservation control apparatus to said user terminal apparatus via the network if the reservation request is accepted, said current time reference value determining when said reservation for the use state of said processing server will permit access by the user terminal apparatus to the processing server for using the processing server during said desired service time included in said reservation request information is accepted, the real time information of server side to be used for time control when the reservation for the use of said processing serve is executed, from said reservation control apparatus to said user terminal apparatus via the network..~~

2. (Currently Amended) The server reservation method according to claim 1, further comprising steps of:

~~a time difference calculating step of calculating the a difference in real time between said server side current time reference value and a value of current time indicated at said user terminal apparatus; and~~

~~a time difference notifying step of notifying the user of said user terminal apparatus of said difference in real time difference calculated.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The server reservation method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of:

~~a correcting step of correcting the real changing a value of current time information of being used at said user terminal apparatus based on any difference between said real current time information of server side reference value and said value of current time being used at said user terminal.~~

4. (Original) The server reservation method according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined processing executed by said processing server is processing of distributing content data by streaming to a requesting client terminal apparatus via the network.

5. (Currently Amended) The server reservation method according to claim 1, wherein further comprising steps of:

~~acquiring said processing server uses real time information acquired current time reference value at said processing server used for determining when said reservation state of said processing server will permit access by the user terminal apparatus to the processing~~

server for using the processing server during said desired service time from a predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server[[],] ~~for time control as said real time information of server side, and~~

~~in acquiring said current time reference value at said reservation control apparatus that is transmitted in said transmitting step[[],] said reservation control apparatus acquires real time information from said predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server and sends said real time information to said user terminal apparatus as said real time information server side.~~

6. (Currently Amended) A reservation control apparatus ~~that controls reservations configured to process reservation requests for enabling the use of using a processing server that carries out predetermined processing[[],] in order for a manner permitting a user terminal apparatus to use functions of said processing server by accessing said processing server via a network, said reservation control apparatus comprising:~~

~~receiving means for receiving reservation request information including a desired service supply time period to use said processing server sent from said user terminal apparatus via the network; and~~

~~means for determining whether or not the reservation request for the use of said processing server during said desired service supply time period will be accepted, and time transmitting means for transmitting[[],] when the reservation for the use of said processing server during said desired service time included in said reservation request information is accepted[[],] real a current time reference value to the user terminal apparatus via the network when the determining means accepts the reservation for the use of said processing server during said desired service supply time period, said current time reference value information of server side to be used for time control when determining when said processing server can be accessed by the user terminal apparatus for using the processing~~

server in accordance with the accepted reservation for the use of said processing server is executed, to said user terminal apparatus via a network.

7. (Currently Amended) The reservation control apparatus according to claim 6, wherein further comprising:

means for acquiring when said processing server uses real time information acquired current time reference value from a said predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server for time control as said real time information of server side, said predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server transmitting means acquires also supplying the real current time information from said predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server and sends said real time information value to said user terminal apparatus as said real time information of server side processing server.

8. (Currently Amended) A program storage medium storing a program to be executed by a reservation control apparatus that controls reservations configured to process reservation requests for the use of using a processing server that carries out predetermined processing in order for a user terminal apparatus to use functions of said processing server by accessing said processing server via a network, said program comprising processing steps of:

reception processing of receiving reservation request information including a desired service supply time period to use said processing server sent from said user terminal apparatus via the network; and

determining whether or not the reservation request for the use of said processing server during said desired service supply time period will be accepted, and

time transmission processing of transmitting[[],] when the reservation for the use of said processing server during said desired service time included in said reservation request

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information is accepted[.] a current time reference value to the user terminal apparatus via the network when the determining step determines that the reservation for the use of said processing server during said desired service supply time period will be accepted, said current time reference value information of server side to be used for time control when determining when said processing server can be accessed by the user terminal apparatus for using the processing server in accordance with the accepted reservation for the use of said processing server is executed, to said user terminal apparatus via the network.